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In re application of

Rhona H. BORTS et al.

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Serial No. 09/155,452

Group Art Unit 1632

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Examiner P. Brunovskis

MEIOTIC RECOMBINATION IN VIVO OF PARTIALLY HOMOLOGOUS DNA SEQUENCES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 14, 2000, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claim 12 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims as indicated:

(Amended) A process of enabling meiotic recombination in vivo of partially

homologous DNA sequences having up to 30% of base mismatches in eukaryotic cells, said

process comprising

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